

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on roll call vote 242 cast on May 25, 2016.

On Roll Call Vote Number 242, on agreeing to Mr. McNerney of California's Amendment, I voted "No." It was my intention to vote "Aye."

THE WORST CASUALTY OF WAR IS
TO BE FORGOTTEN**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, we celebrate Memorial Day and across the nation Americans will gather to pay tribute to our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who go overseas and do not return. They are from every state and territory. They are from farms, ranches and cities. They are of all races and both sexes. They are rich and poor, but generally they are young. They are patriots, defenders of freedom and volunteers to serve our great nation. We remember all of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live freely.

It all started in 1868 when widows and girlfriends of soldiers killed in the War Between the States started putting flowers on the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers in Arlington Cemetery. And thus began what was initially called "Dedication Day," and now Memorial Day.

If we recall our history we must remember that during the War Between the States, there were 350,000 Confederates that were killed and 455,000 Union soldiers that were killed, and regardless of the politics, they were all Americans—America's youth. And thus began what we now call Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

Memorial Day is a special event for people in Texas because, around 125,000 Texans are serving our nation, today and every day. Texans have always been willing to volunteer to support our country, and that says a lot about our country.

In another war, the war to end all wars, 5,000 Texans gave their lives. Boys who grew up on farms in Texas suddenly became men as they found themselves in the muddy, rainy, and bloody trenches an ocean away.

Life in the trenches was hard. Men were constantly bombarded with artillery and machine gun fire. And they often faced the danger of going over the trenches and crossing no man's land, trying to repel the enemy forces attempting the same.

In the midst of battle and in the face of the enemy, some men displayed tremendous gallantry and were awarded medals for their actions. However, the greatest casualty of war is to be forgotten. More soldiers died during World War I than in Korea, Vietnam, both Iraq Wars and Afghanistan combined. It is only fit-

ting that they are honored in our nation's capital.

After the long process of passing the creation of the WWI memorial and creating and funding the WWI commission through Congress, it was signed into law. Now, we have finally arrived at a design for the National WWI memorial at Pershing Park. The "Weight of Sacrifice" was chosen by the WWI commission. Soon, veterans of the war to end all wars will be properly honored in our nation's capital.

This Memorial Day, we remember those who served and who did not make it back home. On Monday, I will be honoring our fallen heroes at the Houston National Cemetery, as Americans across the nation observe this day of remembrance. We remember their sacrifices and that of their families. To those who gave their all to serve our country, America is eternally grateful. We remember each and every one of them because the worst casualty of war is to be forgotten.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. BOSIE EDWARDS**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Bosie Edwards was no ordinary man, he was multi-talented, seriously focused and good at practically everything that he did. I have known him for many years because he was always intimately connected and actively engaged in the community. He was an excellent social worker and was recognized as one of the top gang intervention and youth violence prevention specialists in the city. Of course that was only one aspect of his being. When it came to music he was top of the line, a maestro, a band leader, a choreographer, a smooth jazz, rhythm and blues music man, gentleman of leisure, and the top band in town. I have heard them many, many times and never got enough.

Finally Bosie has been a regular on cable television with his own very interesting show which has been watched religiously by thousands of individual on a regular basis.

Yes, Bosie Edwards made a great impact on the lives of those who knew and/or came into contact with him.

I extend condolences to his family, friends and all who knew and loved him.

DOMINIQUE SARTIRANA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominique Sartirana for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Dominique Sartirana is a 12th grader at Stanley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard

work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominique Sartirana is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dominique Sartirana for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING CAROL SHIMIZU ON
HER RETIREMENT**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Carol Shimizu on the occasion of her retirement after 48 years of dedicated public service as an educator.

Carol's educational career began in 1968 as a preschool and kindergarten teacher in Germany. She moved to San Jose where she went on to become a high school English and childhood development teacher and later an administrator. Shimizu was hired as principal of Dublin High School (DHS) in 2004.

Under her stewardship, both the physical and academic environment at DHS has been transformed, and the school is now widely regarded as one of the top high schools in California. The rate of students heading to four-year colleges has risen dramatically, with graduates going on to the nation's most prestigious colleges, universities, and postsecondary programs.

DHS saw its Academic Performance Index (API) climb every year during her tenure, jumping from 793 to an all-time high of 880 in the last year the API was measured by the state. The number of honors and AP courses offered increased from 12 to 24, while both enrollment and scores for students taking AP, SAT, ACT, and PSAT rose dramatically, earning DHS AP Honor Roll status from the College Board.

Carol successfully initiated Academies and Pathways in Engineering, BioMedical, Culinary Arts, Visual and Performing Arts, and Digital Media. DHS also implemented a comprehensive College and Career Readiness program for all students, including the addition of the "Gael Period", Freshmen Seminar, and the Freshmen Mentoring Program.

In addition, under Carol's leadership DHS's facilities have been extensively modernized, remodeled, and rebuilt to support 21st century learning. The \$120 million of renovation and expansion overseen by Carol has successfully accommodated a campus population that has nearly doubled during her time as principal.

Carol has fostered lasting, productive partnerships in the community and has laid the groundwork for an ever-expanding offering of programs and opportunities for all DHS students. I wish to congratulate her on a long and distinguished career, and wish her health and happiness in retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RMS "QUEEN MARY"

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 80th Anniversary of the maiden voyage of the RMS *Queen Mary*.

On May 27, 1936, over a quarter million spectators were on hand in Southampton, England to experience the magnificent world debut of the *Queen Mary*. At the time, the *Queen Mary* was the most advanced ship ever built, but its long storied history is what we are truly celebrating this month.

The *Queen Mary* was the grandest ocean liner in the world carrying dignitaries like Prime Minister Winston Churchill, royalty like the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and Hollywood celebrities like Bob Hope and Clark Gable.

When World War II began, this luxury ocean liner was transformed into a key vessel for our Allied forces. The ship carried over 16,000 American soldiers from New York to Great Britain. It continued operating throughout the war, and due to the *Queen Mary's* high speed it was difficult for German U boats to catch it.

On numerous occasions, the ship carried Prime Minister Winston Churchill across the Atlantic for meetings with our fellow Allied Forces. The ship was a key asset in assuring our ultimate victory.

After our victory in Europe, thousands of our brave soldiers traveled home onboard the *Queen Mary*, and were given a hero's welcome as the vessel returned to American ports.

Today, the RMS *Queen Mary* is proudly docked in Long Beach, California. It serves as a treasured attraction where guests can come aboard and learn more about the history of this extravagant vessel. The ship features a full service hotel and hosts school groups, conventions and tourists from all over the world. To date, the *Queen Mary* has welcomed over 60 million guests.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to help celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the RMS *Queen Mary*. I am proud to represent the City of Long Beach in my district, which has the great honor of having this truly magical vessel permanently docked in its harbor.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAVE OUR COMMUNITIES FROM RISKY TRAINS ACT OF 2016

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, in light of recent train derailments across the country and ongoing transportation security threats, I rise to introduce the Save Our Community from Risky Trains Act of 2016, which directs the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to find ways to the greatest extent possible to reroute trains that are carrying certain hazardous materials from selected high-threat urban areas, including the District of Columbia. Just this month, sixteen cars of a CSX

freight train derailed in a densely residential neighborhood of the nation's capital, disrupting Metrorail, passenger rail, and freight rail service and putting families at risk. Among the derailed freight train cars, cars carrying sodium hydroxide, calcium chloride and ethanol—which is flammable and led to a Metrorail shutdown—spilled. The neighborhood was lucky that there were no injuries, but the continuing threat to the safety and security of urban communities is clear.

In 2007, the House passed the Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007, which included my amendment to protect the District and similar communities nationwide from dangerous hazardous material shipments by mandating that federal regulations and penalties be developed to increase security and safety for the shipment of these materials through high-threat urban areas. My amendment was not included in the final bill signed into law. While freight companies have begun working with DOT to voluntarily reroute the shipment of certain materials that are toxic by inhalation, poisonous by inhalation, or explosive from these communities, there is no federal law requiring them to reroute the materials.

This bill would require the DOT Secretary to issue regulations to require enhanced security measures for shipments of security-sensitive materials. The bill also requires railroad carriers to use the most secure route and storage pattern to avoid moving certain hazardous materials by rail through selected high-threat urban areas. These security sensitive materials include a highway route-controlled quantity of a Class 7 (radioactive) material; more than 25 kilograms of a division 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 explosive; more than one liter per package of a material poisonous by inhalation; shipment in other than a bulk packaging of 2,268 kilograms gross weight or more of one class of hazardous materials for which placarding of a vehicle, rail car, or freight container is required; and select agents or toxins regulated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

High-profile derailments in North Dakota, Virginia, West Virginia, and Canada demonstrate the need for this legislation. Ethanol, which is flammable, still travels through big cities, and even within a few blocks of the U.S. Capitol. This bill will protect our communities from the risk created by trains carrying hazardous materials.

I urge support for this bill.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL JUBILEE DAY

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the very important Supreme Court decision in Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine et al. v. Michaux et al. that was handed down on June 3, 1929. The Court's unanimous decision in this case affirmed the legal right of African Americans to participate in fraternal orders similar to those of Caucasian Americans. I also rise to celebrate the second annual Jubilee Day Celebration that will occur here in Washington, D.C.

on June 5, 2016 to honor the 86th anniversary of this historic decision.

The struggle for legal clarity on whether or not African Americans could continue to practice the tenants and principles of the Mystic Shrine began in 1914 after a lawsuit was filed in Georgia and a judge granted an injunction, barring African Americans from using the names, titles, emblems, and regalia that were also used by Caucasian Shriners in the state. Several more lawsuits and injunctions in other states further limited African Americans abilities to participate in Masonic fraternities until a case in 1918 expanded these restrictions nationwide. In 1926, the Texas Supreme Court affirmed a lower court's decision that barred African Americans from practicing Masonry in state and that decision was appealed to the United States Supreme Court. Finally, after 15 long years of fighting a costly legal battle for the right to exist and to legally practice, the United States Supreme Court handed down a unanimous decision on June 3, 1929, granting African Americans the right to continue their participation in Masonic fraternities similar to those of Caucasian Americans.

Mr. Speaker, we are all aware of the tremendous contributions made by our local Prince Hall Shriners to make our communities better places. These selfless individuals give countless hours of service to our communities, provide generous college scholarships to economically disadvantaged youth, and contribute significant funds to hospitals and research institutions. All of these things would not be possible without the Supreme Court's decision in June 1929.

Mr. Speaker, even after the Supreme Court's decision in 1929, the struggle for equality and recognition continued, and it continues in many places to this day. In my home state of North Carolina, it took until November 21, 2008 for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdictions, Inc. to gain the acceptance and official recognition of their white Masonic brothers of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 41st Imperial Potentate of Prince Hall Shriners, Rochelle J. Julian, in commemorating the 86th anniversary of the Supreme Court's unanimous decision in Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine et al. v. Michaux et al, and in wishing a joyous celebration to everyone that will be in Washington, D.C. participating in the festivities for the National Jubilee Day Celebration.

BRITTANY VALENCIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brittany Valencia for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Brittany Valencia is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Brittany Valencia is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and